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Departure of H. E. Lord Sandhurst, 2 p.m.

Southern India Spinning and Weaving Company, Ta rdeo Lane, 3 p.m.

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Bombay Medical Union, re Dr. Bahadurjee's death, Readymoney Building, open to all, 5 p.m.

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Byculla Club, half-yearly General Meeting, 9-30 p.m.

Aryan Social Union at the People's Free Reading Room and Library, 8-30 p.m.

Shahunagarvasi Dramatic Company "Manajirao" or "Macbeth" Grant Road Elphinstone Theatre 9 p.m.

"The Gun Club" will meet at Love Grove, Worlee, 4 p.m.

Music on the Esplanade Bandstand.

CRICKET.

Bombay Gymkhana vs. Municipal XI., 1-30 p.m.

Parsee Gymkhana vs. B. B. and C. I. Railway.

H. M. S. Magdala vs, Indo Portu gues C.C.

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CRICKET.

Persian Club vs. Noble.

Baronet vs. Independent.

John Bright vs. Elphinstone.

SEAMEN'S REST.—Prince's Dock.—The popular fortnightly temperance concert will be given to-night at 8 o'clock. Admission free.

THE ANJUMAN-E-ELMI-E-FARSI.—A conversational meeting will be held this evening at 5-30 in the hall of the New High School, Hornby Road, Fort, when the Anjuman's Munshi will be in attendence.

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NOVELIST DRAMATIC UNITY.—On Thursday evening the amateur members of the Novelist Dramatic Unity performed "Deceiving Shahukars," Marathi in Sacts in the Konkani language accompanied by many farces and comic song, at the Gaiety Theatre in the presence of a pretty large audience of Goans Though the play has been well-arranged the rendering of it by some of the actors was somew hat careless.

THE GROUNDING OF THE s s CASHMERE.—The Marine Court of Inquiry to investigate the circumstances attending the grounding of the steamer Cashmeres will assemble at the Esplanade Police Court on the 1st pr ximo. Captain Souter of the unfortunate vessel appeared before Mr. Sanders Slater Chief Presidency Magistrate and informed him that the Chief and Second Officers of the Cashmere had left her and gone to Calcutta. They made a statement before the Port Officer and although told that there was an inquiry fixed, they left.

BURGLARIES.—P. G. DeSilva, residing in a cadjan hut at Lady Jamsetji Road, has reported to the police that some time during Wednesday night his place was entered through a hole made in the wall of the hut and a gold necklace valued at Rs. 20 together with clothing valued at Rs. 21 were stolen therefrom. On an enquiry a portion of the clothing worth Rs. 5 was found at a short distance from the hut.—Another burglary was committed on Thursday night at Kandawady, the house of a Hindu named Gunpat Ramchandra being broken into by removing an iron bar from a window at the back of the house and gold ornaments, wearing apparel and cash of the aggregate value of Rs. 145, were stolen.

MUSIC ON THE ESPLANADE.—By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. R. L. Trevithick and officers, the Band of the G. I. P. Ry. Volunteers, will play the following programme of music at the Esplanade Bandstand commencing at 5-45 this evening (Whether permitting) :—

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GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

ALLEGED DEFAMATION BY A RAILWAY GUARD.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, the case in which Ralph Smith, a guard on the G.I.P. Railway stood charged with defamation preferred against him by Alfred Thomas Colville, Deputy Collector, on the same line, came on for hearing before Mr. Sanders Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate. Mr. Sealy who appeared for the defendant read an apology, tendered by his client, in which the accused denied having said that complainant had been dismissed by the Railway Company for theft or suspicion of theft or tempering with parcels, and that if his words were construed as meaning anything derogatory to the complainant's character's he stated that they were misconstrued and he was sorry for it. Mr. DeSouza's clint having accepted the apology, the Magistrate gave the necessary permission to withdraw the charge.

FRACAS AT A THEATRE.—Before Mr. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, at the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, Superintendent Holdway prosecuted Jewan Ahmad Khan, constable, named Lalkhan Ramkhan and Goolam Russool Shahabuddin on a charge of behaving in a disorderly manner outside the Gaiety Theatre on Wednesday night. Mr. Rougton, of Messrs Little & Rougton, appeared on behalf of Mr. Muganlal Mulchand, the proprietor of the theatre. From the evidence of the complainant it appears that on Wednesday night, while the performance was going on, the two constables, who were in the audience, came out of the theatre and shouted out "Maro, Maro." Suddenly twenty or twenty-five men armed with bamboos appeared outside the theatre. The proprietor, who was then sitting at one of the doors, got frightened and ran into an adjacent room. The accused and their party followed him, but the proprietor's Purdesee interfered and prevented the men from entering the room. One of the accused received two wounds on the head. The performance was stopped for fifteen or twenty minutes. The audience got alarmed and were quite confused. Superintendent Holdway and several police officers arrived on the spot, arrested the accused and restored peace. The magistrate in disposing of the case, remarked that the row was serious and had it not been for the prompt appearance of the police, it would have resulted in serious consequences. The accused were sentenced to fourteen da rigorous imprisonment each.

PERSONATING A PLA DOCTOR AND LEVYING BLACKMAIL.—Before M Wilkin, Acting Third Presidency Magistrate, a Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Inspector Good ged Furdonjee Framji, a Parsee, aged thirty-fo by profession, of two previous convictions against him, with personating a public servant by pretending that he was a plague doctor and acting under colour of such office, Kondabai a Hindu woman having no fixed place of residence, stated in her evidence that about half past 10 o'clock on Wednesday night she and one Rama Hurry were standing near Golpitha, at the corner of Parkhurst Road, when accused went up to them and told them that he was a "Sarkari" (Government) doctor and feeling their pulses said that they were suffering from plague and that unless they would pay him two rupees, he would take them to a plague hospital. The woman said she had no money. The accused thereupon took them to a police box No 450 D and handed them over to him, ordering the sepoy to take them to the plague hospital, and telling him at the same time that he (accused) was a Municipal doctor, and that if he disobeyed his order, he would make a report to his superiors The policeman immediately carried out the order by taking the witness, Rama Hurry and the bogus doctor to Inspector Good at the Girgaum Police Station, Mr. Good instituted an inquiry and took accused in custody. After the evidence of Rama Hurry and Inspector Good was recorded, the accused in his defence said that while on his way home on the night in question, he noticed the woman Kondabai and the man Rama Hurry entering a chawl opposite the Golpitha. As Rama appeared to be sick, the tenants of the chawl got frightened and objected to their entering. The accused went up to the chawl and asked the woman and Rama Hurry to go to the Batlivala's dharamsala at Grant Road, telling them at the same time, that if they did not know that place, he would take them to a policeman, who would show them the dharamsala and would keep them there for the night. Accordingly accused took them to a police sepoy, who did not pay any attention to what the accused said and in the meanwhile another sepoy turned up, and took them all to Inspector Good at the Girgaum Police chowkey. The magistrate ordered the accused to pay a fine of Rs. 100 with the alternative of six months' rigorous imprisonment.

SHAKESPEARE IN MARATHI.

THE Shahunagarvasi Dramatic Company, has been entertaining the Maratha portion of the theatre-going public of Bombay by their performances for the last three weeks. The force of this company is their rendering of some of the principal plays of Shakespeare, and the success which has attended their efforts is evidenced by the crowded houses they are having at present. This is, indeed, a significant indication of the diversion of public taste which had very much degenerated of late, and which was not satisfied except with the attraction of singing and music, no matter what the *denouement* of the play might be. The above company, however, has done much to cultivate a taste for legitimate drama. It visits Bombay after an interval of more than three years, and the general get up of their plays shows improvement. Last Saturday the actors gave for the first time a performance of Shakespeare's famous tragedy of "Macbeth" with considerable success. The soliloquies of "Macbeth" were all the vigour which the principal actor is capable of putting forth, and the acting of "Lady" "Macbeth" was all that could be desired. Her confession while in a state of somnambulism was represented very effectively and elicited loud and continued applause. The company proposed to give another performance of this play to-night, and there is no doubt it will be largely patronised.

THE EXTORTION CASE.

COMMITTALED OF THE ACCUSED TO THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

AT the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, Mr J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, concluded the inquiry into the case in which Mr. Jijibhoy Framji Petit charges Clive Durant, Dhanjibhoy D. Dadiseth, Cooverji Merwanji Mehta, A. Williams and Sorabji Rustomji Battiwalla with extortion. Mr. D. D Davur, barrister-at-law, instructed by Mr. Owen, solicitor, prosecuted; Mr. Brown, solicitor, appeared for Cooverji Mehta; the last accused was defended by Mr. Captain, solicitor. Durant defended himself the remaining accused being unrepresented.

Before the further hearing of the case was proceeded with, the Magistrate announced that as this case was one which ought to be tried by the High Court, he proposed to proceed under section 347 of the Criminal Procedure Code. The section provides; If in any inquiry before a Magistrate or any trial before a Magistrate, before signing judment, it appears to him at any stage of the proceedings that the case is one which ought to be tried by the Court of Session or the High Court, and if he is empowered to commit for trial, he shall stop further proceedings and commit the accused under the provisions hereinbefore contained." The Magistrate, before stopping the proceedings, proposed to call on the accused for any statement they might desire to make.

In the course of his statementthe ocured—Durant said that he was surprised at the court's proceeding to deal with the case under section 347, because all the while he was under the impression that his case was being dea with under section 209, which provided that after the evidence had been taken and the accused examined for the purpose of enabling them to explain any circumstances appearing in the evidence against them, they might be discharged or further tried. As that was not done he renewed the application he had previously made, to grant him a postponement to enable him to apply to the High Court for a transfer of the case and a revision of the proceedings and if that was granted, he undertook to make the necessary application to the High Court by Tuesday next. Applications by him and Williams had already been made to the magistrate to that effect under section 526 A. Durant added that his case had been prejudiced to some extent by the procedure the magistrate had followed, and declared his inability to make a statement on the spur of the moment. Second accused, Dady, said that he had left his case in the hands of his legal advisers. He never anticipated that the magistrate would take the course he had adopted all of a sudden. He declined to make any statement without the knowledge of his legal advisers. He applied for an adjournment to consult his legal advisers and to make a statement, if necessary. Third accused, Mehta, said that he did not wish to make any statement at that stage. Williams stated that his counsel was absent from court on that day, and that unless the magistrate was pleased to deal with his case in the absence of his counsel, he could not see his way to make a statement. Battiwalla said he was not going to make any statement in that court.

The magistrate stated that he should like to record his reasons for putting a stop to further inquiry into the case. His first reason was that the case was one which ought to be tried by the High Court. He had come to that conclusion on a great mass of evidence. Of the witnesses who had been called for the prosecution some had been cross-examined; in the case of some, all the accused had declined to cross-examine The cross-examination by Durant of one witness had been very prolonged, and the other accused had from time to time brought their counsel protested, against the of waste time caused by such lengthy cross-examination, and they had in some instances at least declared that the prolongation of the case by the court would deprive them of the meyns of retaining counsel for their defence at the sessions. The court did not think that the stopping of further proceedings here would in any way prejudice any of the accused, all of whom except Durant, had declined to cross examine witness here. If the case was not now committed to the sessions, it would have to go over to the following sessions and that would entail considerable hardship on both prosecutors and accused. Under these circumstances, the magistrate was unable to grant any postponement for the purposose of allowing the accused to consult their counsel as to the statement which they might wish to make. As to Durant's application for adjournment to move the High Court for the transfer of the case for revision under section 526 A. of the Code of 1882, the magistrate had informed both Durant and Williams when they filed their statement expressing their intention to apply, that they should have reasonable time to make such applications to the High Court and get orders upon them before they were called upon for their defence. The magistrate did not say after the evidence for the prosecution had been recorded Durant and Williams had over three months to make such applications, which was ample time, as was evidenced by the fact that Durant had made one application to the High Court and had an order made upon it. The court must, therefore, decline to afford any further facility for such application at present.

Charges were then framed against the accused of extortion and abetment. The accused said that they would give the names of their witnesses to the Clerk of the Crown.

On the application of Mr. Davur, Magistrate endorsed on the back of the indictment the names of Mr. Ardeshir Sorabji Dustur Kamdin and Mr. Manecklj Marwanji Nanpori as witnesses.

The following persons were committed all the accused to the High Court to take their trial at the next Criminal Sessions of the High Court. The accused were enlarged on the same bail bonds they had already entered into, which provided for their appearance in the High Court.

CHARGE AGAINST A DOCTOR.

SPREADING PLAGUE.

At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, Dr. V Dias, medical officer in charge of the Khoja Hospital, appeared before Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, to answer a summons taken out against him by Mr. A. M. Judge, District Plague Officer of B. Ward(North), charging him with negligently doing an act likely to spread infection of deseases dangerous, to human life, viz, bubonic plague.

Mr. Crawford, of Messrs. Crawford and Co., appeared to prosecute on behalf of the Municipality. Mr. De Souza with Mr. Da Quadros, defended the accused.

Mr Acworth, of Messrs Little and Co., watched the proceedings on behalf of Khan Sahib Mahomed Ebrahim Hassam Baloo, founder of the Khoja Hospital. Mr. Crawford briefly opened the case. Mr. H. M. Judge, was examined. He said that he was a District Plague Officer, B. Ward (North). On Saturday, the 6th instant, he accompanied by Dr. Ebrahim Dossa went to a house in Mohamedan Cross Lane, and there found a sick man whose name was Mahomed Hoosein. He was in bed, and his temperature was 102°. He had bubo on the left groin and he had that peculiar facial expression, which was usually invariably seen in cases of plague. Witness had no doubt that it was a case of plague and Dr. Ebrahim concurred with him. Witness was not a medical officer, but he had had nineteen months experience of plague cases to which he had sent a number of plague cases. He ordered the removal of the man to the hospital, and ordered his house to be vacated. He gave the people there the alternative of being inoculated or leaving the house, that afternoon to choose which they would do—send the man to hospital and vacate the house or be inoculated. On consideration the people declined both alternatives. He then ordered the patient to be taken to hospital and the house disinfected. Witness gave the order on Saturday to be carried out on Sunday. On that day he saw the patient's mother, who also seemed to be suffering from fever in a suspicious manner. He did not himself go to the house on Sunday the 7th. On Monday the 8th August, he went to the house with Dr. Ebrahim and Mr. N. Tyebji, a member of his committee. Witness did not find Mahomed Hoosein in the house on the occasion of his first visit. He

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

BOMBAY MARKET REPORT.

FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 26.

DURING the past week the tone of the Cotton market has been generally steady though quiet, and while the demand from shippers has continued it has been very meagre in extent; prices both for the old and the new crop have not shown any appreciable variation. There has been a fair enquiry for Seeds, with a noticeable tendency in prices to favour sellers; while Wheat has remained quiet and unchanged. In Exchange the closing level of last week's quotations has been steadily maintained, this evening's rates being on a par with last Friday's for Bank and Private Paper alike. The feeling in the Government Paper market has been rather unsettled, but rates are now firmer again, and close at a decline of 3-8 per cent. for 3 1-2 per Cents, and 3-4 per cent. for Threes. The Money Market is quiet. Freights have been a firm market, rates showing a strong tendency to advance. Imports are dull with little doing.

MONEY.—As disclosed by the Return of the Bank of Bombay issued on Monday, there was an increase in the Cash Balance during last week to the extent of some 17 1-2 lakhs, at 197 1-2 lakhs, compared with an increase in the previous week of 35 1-2 lakhs, at 180 lakhs. To Public Deposits there was an addition of 3 lakhs at the Head Office, and of about 4 lakhs at the Branches; Private Deposits were 14 lakhs more. Bills Discounted and Purchased increased to the extent of 2 1-2 lakhs and the Balances with other Banks were 3·4 lakh higher.

The market has meanwhile been quiet; the Bank of Bombay rate is 4 per cent., and that in the open market 2 1-2 per cent.

EXCHANGE.—At opening last mail-day the market was firm in tone at 1s. 3 7-8d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 4d. to 1s. 4 1-32d. for three months' sight Credits, with no transactions of importance reported. On Monday rates were steady at 1s. 3 7-8d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 4d. to 1s. 4 1-32d. for three months' sight Credits. Merchants' Bills were very scarce, but there was a moderate demand for Bank Paper, and a fair amount of business was reported, both ready and forward. The market was quiet but steady on Tuesday at 1s. 3 27-32d. for Bank Telegraphic, 1s. 3 7-8d. for Demand, and 1s. 4d. for three months' sight Credits. There were no Merchants' Bills offering, and the enquiry for Bank Paper was limited. Rates continued steady the following day at 1s. 3 27-32d. for Bank Telegraphic, 1s. 3 7-8d. for Demand, and 1s. 4d. for three months' sight Credits. Business was on a very limited scale, no transactions of importance having been reported. There was again a steady feeling in the market yesterday with 1s. 3 7-8d. quoted for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 4d. for three months' sight Credits. Business was on a meagre scale; Mercantile Bills were scarce, a few transactions only being reported, and the enquiry for Bank Paper was small. Rates have continued to-day at 1s. 3 7-8d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 4d. for three months' sight Credits. Very few Mercantile Bills were offering, but there was a fair enquiry for Bank Paper, ready and forward. Rates close as follows:—

Bank Bills on Demand	1s. 3 7-8d. per rupee.
" Telegraphic	1s. 3 7-8d. "
Credits 3 months' sight	1s. 4d. "
Francs	1/3 1-4 "

GOVERNMENT PAPER was steady in tone on Saturday last at 95 1-2 for Money for 3 1-2 per cents, and 95 1-8 for Account, with 85 for 3 per cents. On Monday there was a firm feeling in the market with 95 1-2 quoted for Cash, for 3 1-2 per cents, 95 3-16 for the Settlement, and 85 for Threes. Rates were again firm the following day at 95 1-4 for 3 1-2 per cents, for both Money and Account and 85 for Threes. The tone of the market was quiet on Wednesday with 95 1-4 quoted for Money, for 3 1-2 cents and 95 3-16 for Account; Threes declined to 84. Rates were firmer yesterday at 94 3-4 for both Cash and the Settlement for 3 1-2 per cents and 85 for Threes. The market has been steady to-day at 95 3-4 for cash for 3 1-2 per cents and 94 5-8 for Settlement; Threes have advanced to 85 1-4.

SHARES.—There has been a general movement in favour of buyers during the past week, especially strong in Mill Scrip. Compared with last week's closing quotations, this evening's show a decline of Rs. 400, in Madras United; of Rs. 35 each in Britannia and Hindustan; of Rs. 30 in Queen; of Rs. 25 each in Colaba Land and Mill, Hyderabad, and Ripon; of Rs. 20 in Bombay United; of Rs. 15 in China; of Rs. 10 each, in City of Bombay, New Great Eastern, Standard, and Swadeshi; of Rs. 5 in Jamshed; and an advance of Rs. 5 in David. In Presses, Albert (Kurrachee) are Rs. 25 higher; while Fort are Rs. 75 lower, and Mercantile Rs. 8. In Miscellaneous shares, Bombay-Burma have declined, Rs. 50 in the second issue; Bombay Flour, Rs. 125; Delhi and Northern, India Flour, Rs. 12; Alcock Ashdown, Rs. 5; Phillips and Co., Rs. 3; and Port Canning Rs. 2 1-2. Ahmedabad-Prantij Railway shares are Rs. 10 lower. In Banks, Bank of Bombay shares have advanced Rs. 2 1-2.

IMPORTS.

PIECE-GOODS.—The market has been dull in tone buyers being averse to purchase with any approach to freedom. Prices of "Grey Goods" rule in favour of buyers. Dealers are reported to be willing to sell because stocks are increasing; rates are generally weakening. In forward business very few transactions have transpired. For "Bleached, Dyed, Turkey-Red," and "Printed Goods" has been a very small enquiry, continuing nominally unchanged. "Locally made Goods" are a very dull market, with a decline in rates. Holders are becoming more eager to sell. The clearances of "Imported Goods" from the bazaar during the week have been 2,700 packages; and of "locally good" some 1,200 bales.

YARNS.—Sales on account of China dealers have amounted to about 1,500 bales only. This trifling figure, coupled with a falling tendency in prices makes the market very dull. The clearances from the bazaar were 2,000 bales; official quotations are as follows:—

Twist	No. 6s	Mule,	As.	3 3-8	to 3 7-8 per lb.
"	" 8s	"	"	3 1-2	" 4 "
"	" 10s	"	"	3 5-8	" 4 1-4 "
"	" 12s	"	"	3 3-4	" 4 1-2 "
"	" 16s	"	"	4 1-4	" 5 1-4 "
"	" 20s	"	"	4 1-2	" 5 1-2 "
"	" 24s	"	"	5 3-16	" 6 "
"	" 30s	"	"	6 1-4	" 6 3 4 "
"	" 40s	"	"	7	" 7 3-4 "

METALS.—Braziers' Copper and Yellow-Metal are unaltered in value, while Swedish Bar Iron is Re. 1 per candy higher.

COALS.—Japan coal, for September shipment, has been sold at Rs. 15 per ton; Singareni, for September-December, at Rs. 14 per ton. Resales have been done in ready Deshagur, at Rs. 16 1-4; Heilger's, at Rs. 15 1-2; and Muir's, at Rs. 15. The market closes firm; we quote alongside:—

Welsh Hartley	Nil.
West "	Nil.
Australian	Nil.
Powell's Duffryn	Nil.
Cardiff	Nil.
Japan	Nil
Bengal	Rs. 15 1-4 per ton. 15 1-2 per ton.
Singareni	" 14 " 14 "
Seetpore	Nil.
Sanctoria	Nil
Deshagur	" 16 1-4 per ton. 15 1-2 "

EXPORTS.

COTTON.—The market for this staple has been steadier, and prices both for ready and forward delivery have been generally stationary, though to-day forward quotations are given at an advance of Rs. 2 per candy. The business passing has been small. The purchases for to-day have amounted to 2,200 bales on account of Exporters, and 1,500 bales on account of the local Mills and the market closes with a steady feeling.

The telegraphic weather and crop reports wired from the the districts on Monday advised a rainfall since the previous Thursday of 1·62 inch at Khangaum, 1·37 inch at Bhownagar, 1·16 inch at Veramgaum, while at the other stations the fall registered was under an inch at each. At Amraoti the weather was showery, and the Cotton plants could scarcely look better; the plants at Wadhwan, Bhownagar, and Barsi wanted more rain while at Dhulia and Beawar more raid was also needed. The plants at Broach were in a flourishing condition, and all crops were doing well. In several parts of Bhownagar the absence of rain was causing anxiety.

The rainfall throughout the districts since Monday continued meagre, as reported by the advices received by wire yesterday morning. At Bhownagar 1·75 inch was registered, 1·40 inch at Broach, 1·54 inch at Dhulia, 1·27 inch at Jalgaon, and 1·18 inch at Amraoti, these having been the highest falls during the period. More rain was still wanted at Barsi, Bhownagar, Beawar, and Wadhwan. The weather was generally cloudy.

The following are to-day's quotations for full-pressed Cotton with the equivalents in sterling, cost, and freight to Liverpool via Canal, without Commission, viz:—

	Per	Candy	Per lb. C. & F.
Bengal, Fine		Rs.	134—2 29-32d.
Do. Do. Dec-Jan		"	131—3 1-8d.
Do. Do. Dec-Jan		"	123—2 23-32d.
Do. Do. Dec-Jan		"	134—3 21-32d.
Do. Good		"	128—2 29-32d.
Do. Do. Jan		"	128—2 29-32d.
Selaree, Fine		"	130—2 13-16d.
Do. Do. Dec-Jan		"	140—3 1-8d.
Do. Fully Good		"	125—2 3-4d.
Do. Do. Dec-Jan		"	134—3 1-32d.
Chandeah, Fully Good		"	124—2 3-4d.
Do. Do. Dec-Jan		"	134—3 1-32d.
Comra, Fully Good		"	133—2 7-8d.
Do. Do. Dec-Jan		"	143—3 3-32d.
Dhollera, Fine		"	132—3 13-32d.
Do. Do. 15-25 May		"	133—3 7-8d.
Do. Fully Good Jan		"	145—3 9-32d.
Do. Do. 15-25 May		"	146—3 9-32d.
Do. Good		"	128—2 25-32d.
Do. Do. 15-25 May		"	149—3 1-4d.
S. G. Dharwar, Good		"	128—2 31-32d.
Westerns		"	143—3 1-32d.
Broach, Fine		"	160—3 15-32d.
Do. Do. 15-25 March		"	138—2 15-16d.
Do. Good		"	126—2 15-16d.
Do. Do. 15-25 March		"	156 1-8—3 7-16d.

The movements of Cotton to date show the following comparison with the previous two years:—

Receipts.	1898. Bales.	1897. Bales.	1896. Bales.
For the week	4,226	3,500	3,765
From 1st January to 25th August	1,141,577	1,207,450	1,294,080
Shipments to Great Britain and Continent.			
For the week	1,175	250	2,210
From 1st January to 25th August	477,626	479,360	653,317
Clearances to China, Japan, Coal ports, &c.			
For the week	3,953	2,943	226
From 1st January to 25th Aug.	384,098	413,213	265,169

WHEAT AND SEEDS.—Wheat has been very quiet in tone throughout the week; White Persy is quoted 3 annas per cwt. higher for both 91 and 85 per cents. In Seeds there has been a fair enquiry for Rapeseed, Poppyseed, and Linseed, with a slight advance in prices.

The comparative Imports of Wheat and Seeds are as follows:—

	1898. Cwts.	1897. Cwts.	1896. Cwts.
Wheat for the week	7,170	73,333	37,534
Do. from 1st January to 25th August	7,128,669	1,219,389	3,032,584
Linseed for the week	24,995	9,991	9,117
Do. from 1st January to 25th August	1,990,734	367,835	3,186,650
Rapeseed for the week	54,522	34,980	17,210
Do. from 1st January to 25th August	1,715,048	1,603,543	832,283
Gingellyseed for the week	4,483	283	755
Do. from 1st January to 25th August	1,174,679	382,926	822,050

The Clearances of Wheat and Seeds to Great Britain and Continent are as follows:—

	1898. Cwts.	1897. Cwts.	1896. Cwts
Wheat for the week	2,000	...	6,000
Do. from 1st January to 25th August	5,362,131	2,813	1,275,160
Linseed for the week	18,029	...	44,004
Do. from 1st January to 25th August	2,016,321	461,887	2,782,009
Rapeseed for the week	31,204	23,128	85,096
Do. from 1st January to 25th August	1,085,074	1,352,057	856,257
Gingellyseed for the week	...	...	...
Do. from 1st January to 25th August	1,349,947	449,174	1,032,924

THE BOMBAY GAZETTE
OVERLAND SUMMARY.

(Compiled for despatch by the Weekly Mail to Europe.)

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DIVINE SERVICE.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY, AUGUST 28.

SAINT THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion (Choral)—Missa Celestis. Hymns—Introit 2, 451, 187 and 395.
5 p.m.—Children's Service.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon—Hymns 172, 370 and 28. Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis.—Marchant in E flat. The offertories are for the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.
Daily—Matins at 6-45 a.m., Holy Communion at 7-15 a.m. and Evensong at 5 p.m.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MALABAR HILL.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, COLABA.
(Afghan Memorial Church.)
8 a.m.—Holy Communion (Plain).
11 a.m.—Matins and Sermon (Parade Service)—Hymns 189, 165 and 33.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon—Hymns 166, 163 and 162.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.
(Colaba Causeway).
11 a.m.—Mr. M. Lane.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
6 p.m.—Rev. G. C. Walker.
(Byculla, Victoria Gardens).
9-30 a.m.—Mr. F. R. Atkins.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
6 p.m.—Mr. F. R. Atkins.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCHES,
BOWEN CHURCH—Apollo Bunder.
(Behind the Apollo Hotel.)
9-15 a.m.—Sunday School.
11 a.m.—Sermon by Rev. Dennis Osborne.
6 p.m.—Sermon by Rev. I. F. Row.
Wednesday, 6 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.
(Waudby Road, Esplanade).
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Classes.
6 p.m.—Evening Service—Hymns 54, 284 and 7. Psalm 103 chant 240.
Collection for Sunday School expenses.
8 a.m.—Joint Service in St. Andrew's Church.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, ESPLANADE.
(Near School of Art).
Incumbent.—Rev. C. Gilder.
8 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy Communion and Sermon.—Hymns 199, 188 and 335.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.—Hymns 307, 172 and 21.
The offertories for church expenses and poor relief.

MISSION CHURCH GIRGAUM.
7 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon by Rev. W. H. Dixon—Hymns 96, 110 and 105.
4-30 p.m.—Children's Service by Rev. L. B. Butcher.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon by W. G. Pole—Hymns 117, 72 and 109.
Offertories for the C. M. S. Nasik Orphanage.

SEAMEN'S REST.
(Frere Road, Prince's Dock.)
Rev. F. Wood, Port Missionary.
7-30 p.m.—Service and Sermon by Rev. Dennis Osborne. All seamen and strangers in the port are heartily welcomed.

MAZAGON, METHODIST CHURCH.
(Wari Bunder Road.)
6 p.m.—Service and Sermon by Rev. Dennis Osborne.
7 p.m.—Communion Service.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MAZAGON.
6 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
7 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Choral). Preacher, Rev. Father Moore.
10 a.m.—Children's Service.
6 p.m.—Evensong (Choral). Preacher, Rev. Father Biscoe. Alms for Choir and Organ.

ST. NICHOLAS (SEAMEN'S) CHURCH,
6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

CHRIST CHURCH, BYCULLA.
7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Missa Cantata (Merbecke)—Hymns 563, 332 and 324.
4-45 p.m.—Sunday School.
6 p.m.—Choral, Evensong and Sermon—Hymns 510, 291 and 21.

BAPTIST CHURCH, BELASSIS ROAD.
(Opposite Byculla Club.)
8 a.m. and 6 p.m.—Pastor F. W. Dunster will preach.
4-30 p.m.—Afternoon School with Adult Bible Classes.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PAREL.
(Madras time.)
6-30 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon by Rev. G. Ledgard—Hymns 295, 298 and 193.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.
8 a.m.—Morning Service.—Psalm 98, 167 tune. Hymns 127 330 and 79.
6 p.m.—Evening Service—Hymns 334, 237, 176 and 245.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE Bombay and Persia S N Co's s s King Arthur, 1,017 tons, Captain C Owen, arrived in harbour yesterday from Aden, 17th August, with a general cargo and one horse.

THE s s Samoa, 4,507 tons, Captain A Hudson, which arrived in harbour on Thursday evening from Calcutta, 13th August, brought a cargo of 8,155 tons of coal. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. Turner, Morrison and Co.

VESSELS IN DOCKS.—AUGUST 26.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessels.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
A	Clan Shaw	3177	Gladstone	Liverpool	30-8	F M & Co
C	Mobile	930	Miller	Aden	25-8	B & P S N Co
G	Mangalore	69	Andrews	London	31-8	P & O S N Co
H & J	H M S Magpie and Penaserim		Fleet	R N		R Navy
K	Telegrafa	3662	Seggebruge	Antwerp		K & Co
L	Bahadurj	829	Ahmed			Shprd & Co
L	Afghan	1439	(Repairing)			H C Jocoub
M	Nowshera	1961	Stone			M M & Co
N	Warora	2561	Alexander	Zanzibar	27-8	M M & Co
O	Saharanpur	524				Shprd & Co
P	Grosvenor	1917	Brebner	Mauritius	31-8	Siddick
Q	Mohamadi	54				Shprd & Co
R	Mohammadi	1232	Erickson	Jeddah	29-8	B & P S N Co

HARBOUR WALL.

Indravati	513	Adam			Shprd & Co
Brahmani	524				Do
Pooani	552	Ahmed	Bhavnagar	27-8	Do

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shd.	Vessels.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
2	Caledonia	3339	Gordon	London.	27-8	P & O S N Co
4	C Macfarlane	3103	MacMahon	Calcutta	26-8	M & Co
6	Coromandel	2783	Tillard	China	30-8	P & O S N Co
7	Imperatrix	2358	Rasowich	Trieste	1-9	A L S N Co
9	Branksome Hall	3555	Flood	Karachi	28-8	K N & Co
10	Trieste	3203		China	27-8	A L S N Co
14	Dumra	761	Russell	Karachi	27-8	M M & Co
15	Brindisi	2295	Watkins	China		P & O S N Co
16	Clyde	2432	Denny	Aden	3-9	P & O S N Co

* Probable date of departure.

Time Ball drops at Prince's Dock at Noon, or Greenwich meantime, 7h. 8m. 44·3s.
The Time Ball over the Clock Tower at the Bombay Castle continues to be dropped regularly at 1 p.m. of Colaba mean time, or 8h. 8m. 44·3s of Greenwich meantime.

ARRIVALS.

Aug.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
26	King Arthur s	Owen	Aden, Aug 17
	Setos s	Jacobs	Zanzibar, Aug 15

DEPARTURES.

Aug.	Vessel	Commander.	Destination.
26	Clan Macfarlane s.	MacMahon	Calcutta
	Herbias s	Hildebrandt	Hamburg, &c
	Branksome Hall s.	Flood	Karachi
	Trieste s	Metlis	Japan, &c

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday:—
Steamer Uganda, Black, for Calcutta, &c
" Dumra, Russell, for Karachi

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday:—
Steamer King Arthur, for Aden and Maculla
" Mohammadi, for Jeddah
" Dwarka, for Karachi
" Peshe, for Persian Gulf

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

MARRIAGE.

SHEPHERD—NEWTON—August 13, at St Thomas's Church, Middleton Row, Calcutta, by the Rev Fr Lafont, S J, and afterwards at Victoria House, Tollnipara, by the Rev David Reid, Charles A Shepherd, to Mary Newton.

DEATH.

FLANAGAN—July 31, at "Rook House," Bolarum, Hyderabad, Deccan, quite unexpectedly, Robert Albert Flanagan, the eldest son of the late Patrick Flanagan, of Dublin aged 55 years.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*** ALL communications intended for publication in our columns, should be addressed to the Editor and not to any individual member of the staff.

The Bombay Gazette
SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 1898.

IN a first notice of "Colonel Alexander Gardiner, Soldier and Traveller" (Blackwood and Son) we traced his extraordinary career from Mexico, where he was educated, to Ireland, Egypt, Russia, the Transcaspian countries and Persia to Afghanistan. We left him after the defeat of Habibulla Khan, nephew of Dost Mahomed against whom he waged unsuccessful war. Gardiner's sword had done such service to the young Prince that he received a Princess of the blood royal to wife, by whom he had a son, who was murdered by the victors, the mother killing herself lest worse should befall her. Once again an apparently ruined outcast, the indomitable man, in whose veins flowed the blood of Scotland, Spain and Ireland, made head against fortune, and after apparently endless wandering as a fugitive in Kafiristan, Badakshan, among the Khirghez, and in the Pamirs, Yarkand and Chitral, he again found his way to Afghanistan, ending his travels in Peshawar. There he became chief of artillery to Sultan Mahomed Khan, brother and enemy of Dost Mahomed, holding his precarious position by the support of Ranjit Singh, the Lion of the Punjab. On the way he had presented himself to Dost Mahommed to whom he presented the arms, horses and spoil of a party of merchants whom he had joined when they were proceeding to Kandahar and seized bound and stripped on the first opportunity, thus anticipating their intentions with regard to himself. Unquestionably Gardiner was a free-booter whenever the circumstances of the moment rendered it necessary that he should conform to the usages of the countries in which he found himself. The merchants had been trading under the protection of the Kandahar Sirdars, the Dost's brothers, who had misused their authority. They had sent to Gardiner to demand from him and a band of Khaibari outlaws "who had attached themselves to him," a ransom of a lakh and a half of rupees. When reasoned with they professed, to relent but had him seized and kept for nine months a prisoner underground. His followers were faithful to him, excited the sympathy of the priests or moulvies, and got him released on giving a writing setting forth that he had been well treated. This story of oppression was patiently heard by the Dost, who agreed that they were justified in what they did; but he could not allow Gardiner to remain in Afghanistan. He left Kabul disappointed at not obtaining employment under the great Amir. But he remembered the infamous treatment of his patron Habib by that potentate, and he hated every Afghan of that faction for the death of his wife and son.

As Sir Henry Durand said of him, "Gardiner seems to have been indebted for his life and that many a time over to his cool audacity, which never failed him for a moment, be the strait what it might." Mahomed Khan's invitation to come to Pashawar take charge of his artillery brought eight and a-half years of continuous travel, fighting and free booting to a close. In the spring of 1832 a letter from Ranjit Singh asked for Gardiner's services; the ruler of Peshawar dared not refuse the request of his powerful friend and greatly to his regret, Gardiner on whom he showered many gifts set out to Attock where an escort of Sikh horseme was attending the Sikh officer collecting the annual tribute of horses. Afridis and Gakkars attacked the escort and carried off some of the horses and even a few Sikhs. While waiting outside the Shalamar Gardens to be presented by General Ventura to the Maharajah, an officer of His Highness' cavalry purposely rode his horse against Gardiner, with the intention of jostling him into a deep ditch filled with running water. Half a turn of the stranger's horse sent Nand Singh and his horse rolling on the ground. Gardiner calmly expressed a hope that he was not hurt, and was treated with marked civility for the remainder of the time he was kept waiting. When admitted to the presence, the insignificance of the great ruler's appearance of which he had heard something fell so much below expectation, that the effect was startling. But the profound deference with which the Maharaja was treated, and the extraordinary range of subjects on which he questioned the new arrival showed that "his was one of those master minds which only require an opportunity to change the face of the globe." He had welded the various confederacies of the Sikhs into a powerful State; he might have conquered Delhi and built up a new Empire but the simultaneous rise and consolidation of the British Power in India. That, at all events, was Gardiner's estimate of the man. It so happened that just at that time the Governor-General had sent two guns as a present to the ruler of the Punjab, with their shells and fuses. These were shown to Gardiner and he was asked whether he could use the shells. Fortunately there was a small printed paper in a bundle of fuses giving instructions as to the time of flight and the way to regulate it. By following the instructions the shells were exploded at 600, 800 and 1200 yards next day before the Maharaja, who was delighted with his new artillery officer. He was given the rank of Colonel and high pay, to teach the principal officers of that arm the latest secrets of the gunners art. In the Maharaja's service there were many officers, mostly French or Italian who had served under Napoleon. Gardiner resumed his own name which for the Sikhs became "Gordana." The French division of the army numbered 20,000 or 22,000 men under four foreign generals; it was sent in 1835 to the Peshawar valley, Ranjit following with 60,000 or 80,000 of the regular Sikh army. Dost Mahomed had 50,000 troops and 60,000 Ghazis encamped about the mouth of the Kyber pass. The foreign contingent troops now essayed to turn the Dosts left flank, while Ranjit threatened the centre and the right. Day and night the whole corps diplomatiques, composed of the heads of foreign, home and private affairs, moving backward and forward, parleying between Ranjit and the Dost, heavy cannonading and skirmishing going on all the time to the greater danger of the diplomatists. The firing and fighting took place along the whole front, there being only two or three miles between the two armies, the movements of each being plainly visible to the other. Matters went on in this patriarchal fashion for about a month, when it was decided that the entire Sikh army with the French division—the Francize Compo—should move forward and attack the Afghans. Ranjit ordered pay to be issued to the whole army with one months pay in addition to that due, and this was done so promptly that in four hours the whole 100,000 men received their money. At four o'clock the next morning the army moved to the attack. When they had got a little over half-a-mile, it was found that that the Dost's army had retreated through the Khyber during the night, and that not a tent or an Afghan was to be seen. The Sikhs halted and remained in their advanced position two days; then it retired on Peshawar, and that city, with its entire valley, was annexed to the Punjab. "By this one month's sparring, coquetting and skirmishing with Dost Mahommed, Ranjit Singh gained his long wished for object, the indisputed possession of the Peshawar Valley." It was not a bloodless victory, for the Sikhs lost daily from 100 to 200 men; the Afghans much more, for the Seikh artillery was more powerful and better served than that of the Dost. The cavalry actions between bodies, of from 2,000 to 5,000 men were serious and bloody and the Ghazis slew many Sikhs in their reckless charges, until they were deterred by seeing the bodies of their slain comrades burned in heaps which was a passport, not to Heaven, but to the other place.

Early in 1837 the famous Akbar Khan, son of the Dost, emerged from the Khaibar with 25,000 men routed and slew the Sikh Governor of Peshawar, but was forced to return to Kabul by the rapid march of the whole Sikh army to the Peshawar Valley. Two years later Ranjit Singh died and the Punjab was for six years at the mercy of the fierce soldiery who had no longer a master. The Prime Minister Dhyan Singh had a son, Hira Singh who was the favourite of Ranjit in his old age and the army was well disposed towards him. Dhyan and his two able and energetic brothers were Dogras, Hindus. Nevertheless it was supposed that Hira Singh might come to the throne if the incompetent sons of the Maharaja their friends and adherents who refused to join the Dogra party were removed, Dhyan and his brother, says Gardiner, played the awful game with deliberate and uneasy pertinacity, but they were themselves overwhelmed by the torrents of blood which they had caused to flow. Their one thought when Ranjit died was to clear the way to the throne of all obstacles while maintaining an outward show of loyalty to the sovereign line and of fealty to the Khalsa. When dying the Maharajah had sent for his only legitimate son, Kharrak Singh and proclaimed him his heir with Raja Dhyan Singh as Minister. Kharrak was a man of no capacity and given to opium. During his short

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

THE INDIAN CURRENCY COMMISSION.

THE QUESTION OF A GOLD RESERVE.

LONDON, Aug. 26.

The evidence given before the Currency Commission deals minutely with every aspect of the currency question in relation to the finance and the import and export trade of India and Ceylon.

The schemes of the Indian Government of Mr. Lindsay and of Mr. Probyn are fully discussed.

A large majority of the witnesses are against the re-opening of the mints, and those in favour thereof acknowledge the necessity that would arise for increasing taxation, whilst admitting that such a course would be dangerous.

The Indian Government's scheme is approved cordially only by official witnesses.

Many of the witnesses recommend a gold standard even without a gold currency, but Lord Rothschild considers this unfeasible, and thinks that the enormous increase in gold production ought to facilitate India's acquiring the reserve of gold necessary for establishing a gold standard.

THE CURRENCY COMMISSION BLUE-BOOK.

MINTS NOT TO BE REOPENED.

THE NECESSITY FOR A GOLD RESERVE.

ARTIFICIAL MEANS NOT FAVOURED.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, Aug. 26.

The London correspondent of the *Pioneer* has wired a summary of the Currency Commission's proceedings as contained in the Blue-book just published. He says: The Blue-book containing the evidence given before the Currency Commission up to the date of adjournment was issued on Tuesday. Twenty-four witnesses have been examined, including Sir Frank Forbes Adam, Mr. Stephen Ralli, Mr. Robert Steel, Mr. Christie of Ceylon and other advocates for re-opening the mints in the interests of trade and commerce.

Among the proposals for meeting the deficiency estimated to ensue if that measure were adopted were the raising of the Customs duties 10 per cent., the doubling of the salt tax, increasing railway rates, export duty on jute and excise duty on manufactured articles and the doubling of the income tax, but it is admitted that each expedient is likely to yield only a fraction of the amount required.

The committee, judging from the report, appear to be decidedly unfavourably impressed by the evidence and the suggestions of the above named witnesses.

Lord Rothschild, Sir Samuel Montague, and Mr. Raphael stated that the gradual accumulation of a gold reserve would be necessary for the introduction of a gold standard. They agreed that this was practicable without affecting the money market to an undesirable extent.

Mr. Lindsay, of the Bank of Bengal, and Mr. Leslie Probyn expounded their respective plans. The evidence of the former was very clear and his plan is admitted to be ingenious but the adoption of any artificial system is considered unlikely.

Sir Antony Macdonell gave evidence concerning the incidence of land assessment and internal trade taxation. He and other official witnesses appear effectually to have disproved the statement persistently made here that the reduction in the value of silver ornaments following the closure of the mints had caused discontent in India. Sir Antony asserted that there were two ornament buyers to one seller. These witnesses also showed that the predictions regarding serious illicit coining were groundless.

Further evidence is to be taken in October.

The present tendency of opinion is confidently stated to be this: The question of re-opening the mints in considered absolutely extinct. Government must proceed to the effective establishment of a gold standard with the rate of sixteen pence, accumulating a gold reserve ensuring convertibility immediately success is assured. Temporary measures are to be adopted during the transition period to meet the present prolonged monetary stringency. Close attention is to be given to the maintenance of a sound financial position. The committee, it is thought, will probably recommend a plan which, while not identical with any suggested yet, will aim at containing the best elements of each.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

THE SPANISH CORTES CONVOKED.

LONDON, Aug. 26.

The Spanish Cortes has been convoked for 5th September.

RUMOURED LOSS OF A FRENCH WARSHIP.

It is rumoured in Paris that the French ironclad Bruix has foundered in the Indian Ocean, but nothing is known in official circles.

THE WELSH COAL STRIKE.

Aug. 25.

The Welsh coal strikers have withdrawn their original demands and have arranged to meet the masters on Saturday, when a settlement will probably be arrived at.

THE MORALS OF THE ARMY.

Lord Wolseley has issued a memorandum to the Army enjoining the observance of temperance and purity by the troops, and directing officers to supervise and advise morality amongst the men under their command.

THE CURRENCY COMMISSION.

A Blue-book has been issued containing 319 closely printed pages of the evidence already given by witnesses before the Currency Committee, including the testimony of Sir James Mackay, Messrs. James O'Conor, Allan Arthur, Francis Harrison, James Fairbairn Finlay, Alexander Lindsay, Sir Henry Waterfield, Cave Browne, Thomas Christie, William Lake, Charles Cox, Sir Edgar Vincent, Sir Antony MacDonnell, Stephen Ralli, Sir Samuel Montagu, Baron Rothschild, Probyn, Steel Acworth, Sir Frank Forbes Adam, Henry Coke, and Ewan Cameron.

THE MAILS.

ADEN, Aug. 26.

The P. and O. Company's s. s. Bengal, with the homeward Mails of the 20th instant, arrived here at 2 a.m. to-day.

THE SUPREME COUNCIL.

A BOMBAY PROGRAMME.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, August 25.

The business before the next meeting of the Legislative Council comprises the introduction of the Arbitration Bill, to facilitate reference of matters of commercial dispute to arbitrators agreed on by the parties concerned; the Burma Legislation Bill, which brings a number of fresh Acts into force in Upper Burma; the Indian Marine Bill, which re-classes the native staff and introduces the title of Royal into the Acts already in force concerning the Marine; also the Bombay Insolvency Rules Bill, which enables the High Court to make rules for the disposal of unclaimed dividends in insolvency cases and legalises those passed by the Bombay High Court some time ago; also empowers the grant of a retiring bonus to the Official Assignee in Bombay.

THE LIVE STOCK IMPORTATION ACT.

Draft rules to be taken into consideration fourteen days hence are issued for information of those interested under new Live Stock Importation Act; they provide that no horses, cattle or sheep or their appurtenances shall be imported into India from Queensland or other source likely to be infected with tick or other cattle disorder without written permission of permanent officer appointed for the purpose and then only under such precautions as Local Government concerned may order and at no other ports than those of Calcutta, Madras, Bombay, Karachi and Rangoon.

HARVEST PROSPECTS.

SIMLA, Aug. 26.

The anxiety regarding harvest in North-West India continues to increase owing to the untimely weakening of monsoon in that area; to-day's crop reports state, that in most districts of the Punjab, crops on dry lands have commenced to wither though prospects of autumn crops are fair. In Rajputana also prospects generally are said to be not favourable at present though the outlook might be much improved by rain.

EXCHANGE COMPENSATIONS.

FURTHER CONCESSIONS.

A resolution of the finance department appears in the "Gazette of India" which will have the effect of giving exchange compensation allowance to a good many mechanics and others who hitherto have been excluded under the rule providing that exchange compensation is not admissible to persons serving under contract and not belonging to any regular service. It is now laid down that this clause relates only to persons appointed under-written contract in India. A European appointed in England will therefore be entitled to exchange compensation if his salary is not fixed in sterling and there is nothing in his agreement which excludes him from the allowance.

PROGRESS OF THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

The resolution is published reviewing the work of the Geological Survey for last year, it expresses the satisfaction of the Governor-General with the general progress made and states amongst other results that previous supposition of existence of valuable mines in Central Provinces are not borne out by last years investigation.

LAND REVENU RESOLUTION.

A resolution in the Finance Department fixed thirty years purchase as minimum. Government will accept a lump sum compensation to terminate any periodical payment due to itself, and twenty years purchase as maximum. It will pay to any one desirous of obtaining capitalised value for any periodical payment for which Government may be responsible. This rule appli s only to cases of actual ecumutation of payment. It does not affect any orders relating to valuation made for official purposes nor remissions of land revenue in cases of land taken up for public purpose,s which will continue to be valued at twenty-five times the annual amount of land revenue remitted.

PROBABLE BUSINESS AT THE NEXT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A correct list, has been wired to-day, of probable business at the next Legislative Council by eliminating the Marine Bill, which comes on later and noting the Indian Insolvency Rules Bill as correct title f measure, relating to insolvency.

THE OUTRAGE AT FORT SANDEMAN.

Further particulars of the Fort Sandeman outrage shows that the victims were not sepoys as at first reported. It seems two Ghazis suddenly appeared at 6 yesterday morning at the Executive Engineer's bungalow and killed the peon and wounded a khalasi of the Military Works Department. The guard of the 16th Bombay Infantry turned out and shot the murderers before more harm was done."

DISAPPEARANCE OF PLAGUE IN HURDWAR.

Plague at Hurdwar being in abeyance, the prohibition against issue of railway tickets to and from Jawalapur is withdrawn.

At the same time the usual plague precaution regarding exportation of rags, etc., are notified against the whole district of Bangalore,

CENTRAL PROVINCES LAND REVENUE AND TENANT BILLS.

The Select Committee on Central Provinces Land-Revenue and Tenant Bills com ences its sittings here next Monday. When Messrs Chitnavis and Fuller willbe present it; is likely to be passed before Government leaves Simla in November.

GAZETTE OF INDIA NOTIFICATIONS.

Finance Department.—Mr. G. A. Bennett, Assistant Director-General of the Post Office is granted three months' privilege leave from 30th instant. Messrs. H. Sheridan and Knox Homan each receiving temporary step during his absence.

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THE MURDER IN H. H. SIR AGA KHAN'S FAMILY.

ACCUSED BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE.

The case against Jeewa was resumed before Mr Carvalho to-day, when the following evidence was recorded. Dr. Easdon House Surgeon, Sassoon Hospital, said I was called urgently by Mr. Thatcher, Superintendent of Police, to attend at Agha Khan's bungalow. I went there and saw a dead body of a man lying on a mattress. I went into the house alone. On finding the Superintendent not there I went back and examined the body first, I examined the body externally, and found 3 wounds. I made a postmortem examination and found the body dressed in a white shirt and on stripping it found then gun shot wounds. The skin around was blackened and scorched about the circumference. The bullets were extracted and I handed over to the policeman in a sealed packet. The chest was filled with clotted blood as also the abdominal cavity. The shirt was stained with blood. There were three holes. The cause of death was the wounds described.

ACCUSED COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

After other evidence the magistrate then framed a charge against accused under sections 302 and 307 of the Indial Penal Code of murder and causing grievous hurt and committed the accused to the sessions.

POONA JUNIOR POLO TOURNAMENT.

The final tie in the Poona Junior Polo Tournament was played off this evening in the presence of a large assembly, the pavilion being crowded.

The game was between the Poona Horse team and the Durham Light Infantry. The former was represented by Rissaldar Major Manwar Khan, Messrs. Cooper and Raymond, Jemadar Mahomed Kader back the latter was composed of Mr. Way, Captan Goring-Jones, Captain Luard and Mr. Fairfax, back. Umpires Mr. Peyton and Captain Locke.

In the first chukker some good play was witnessed, and the entertainment was intense. Cooper was soon on to the ball and scored a subsidiary, Durhams retaliated by rushing it, but Mahomed Kadar ably defended.

Score. Poona Horse Sub to nil.

In the second chukker both sides were playing very carefully no advantage was given by any of them, score nothing.

In the third chukker the Durham got the ball soon carried away to half line, when Raymond came into possession and swept the ball out of it.

Score: Poona Horse 1 sub to nil.

In the 4th chukker the Durhams again set the ball in motion, and after a short sharp skirmish the Poona Horse returned the ball to their opponents half. Raymond getting on ran beautifully and scored first goal. With change of sides Poona Horse once more renewed the assault. Raymond with a clean long shot sent in second goal amidst applause. The Poona Horse renewed the attack, and Manawar Khan was able to get in a sub when time sounded.

Score: Poona Horse 2 goals 2 subs to Durham's 1 goal.

In the fifth chukker the Durhams tried hard and carried the ball over the centre line, but their advantage was not long maintained, as the defence was too good. The ball being thown in, the Durham's secured possession. After a short scrimmage Way managed to draw it out of the crowd and put in a goal for his side.

Score, Poona Horse 2 goals 2 subs to Durham's 1 goal.

The cup of the Tournament not being ready no presentation was made.

THE HYDERABAD FESTIVITIES.

SECUNDERABAD, Aug. 26.

A great function in connecton with the Nizam's birthday came off last night, when the Chudderghaut public gardens were crowded with a heterogenous multitude from 8 o'clock till 2 this morning. The gardens were illuminated magnificiently, and other embellishments proclaimed the royally festive occasion. The Nizam, who had not been seen in public since Lord Elgin's visit to Hyderabad, appeared on the scene after midnight, when a deputation consisting of Maharaja Kishen Pershada, Nawab Akbar Jung, C.S.I., Commissioner of Police, Rajas Chain Rai Kunda, Rao Dhand Dharm Chand, two native bankers and two gossais removed the horses from H. H.'s coach and drew it along under oriental shouts of jubilation to the "Shamiana" where "adais" and "gadi" were fixed for His Highness. Soon after his arrival, two addresses were presented to His Highness, one from a committee representing the people of Hyderabad, and another from the Masonic fraternity. Both referred in glowing terms to His Highness's exceptionally good and prosperous rule over Hyderabad. The Masonic address regretted His Highness is not included in the Craft, though in many countries the sovereign himself is a brother of the Order; Yet their thoughts and feelings naturally led them to regard His Highness as their august patron. His Highness, replying; as two addresses in Urdu, referred to the extreme pleasure it gave him to notice the expressions of loyalty from his subjects on this occasion. He had done all he could to promote the welfare and happiness of his subjects, and it wasan inexpressible pleasure to him to know that all his efforts were appreciated by his people. When they recalled the several elements of progress in education, and public works in the inauguration of railways during his reign, and the peace they enjoyed he felt that, after all it was the effect of their goodwill towards him, and by the help of Almighty the nuzzers of gold were subsequently presented to His Highness by several leading natives and at the end of the presentation the ceremony fireworks were started. The whole show was severely oriental in character but withal of exceeding splendour, despite the rain which came down in annoying showers during the night.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 25.

The Anchor Line steamer Algeria left here for Bombay this evening.

LONDON, Aug. 25.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Grant arrived here yesterday evening.

The Messageries Maritimes Company's steamer Melbourne left Colombo for Bombay on Friday, the 26th instant, at 1 p.m., and she is expected here on Monday, the 29th instant, at noon.

Florio Rubattino Company's steamer Bormida from Bombay arrived at Singapore on the 26th inst.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, Aug. 25.

The Liverpool Cotton market closed steady. Sarats dull.

Good Bhownuggur 2 25-32

The Manchester market has been quiet.

2½ per cent. Consols 110 3-4

3 per cent. Rentes 103 3-4

3½ per cent. Sterling Loan 114

3½ per cent. Rupee Paper 92 11-16

Bar Silver 27 13-16

The Bank of England Returns for the week ending yesterday show the following results:—Total Bullion, £33,100,000; Increase, £100,000; Public Deposits, £8,200,000; Increase, £440,000; Other Deposits, £41,900,000; Decrease, £240,000; Other Securities, £29,900,000; Decrease, £900,000; Notes and Gold £24,100,000; Increase, £300,000. The Bank's Reserve is 48 per cent. of the liabilities.

From a question put by Mr. Lewis, the member for the Flint Boroughs, we learn that penalties amounting to £80,000 were incurred by contractors for shipbuilding, gun mountings, armaments in eighty-seven cases, for delay in the fulfilment of contracts during the year ended March 31, 1897. In only two cases were penalties enforced, and only to the extent of £60. At first glance this would seem to be a peculiar state of affairs, necessitating further inquiry, but it should be remembered that the Controller is, as it were, the judge in these cases, and we must doubt that he had good and sufficient reasons for remitting the penalty in the majority of cases. It would have been interesting to have been able to compare last year with the previous years, seeing that it was in 1897 that the engineering dispute was responsible for much unnecessary delay. Mr. Allan could not allow the opportunity to pass without girding at "the Powerful" and "Terrible." He wanted to know if the builders of the engines of those ships had been subjected to penalties, seeing that they had broken down. Mr. Macartney very pertinently pointed out that his statement was not correct, and therefore no penalties had been incurred.

BOMBAY COMMAND ORDERS.

POONA, Aug. 20.

Captain (temporary Major Poingdestre 2nd in Command 1st Bhopal Battalion on being relieved of his appointment as Officiating Commandant Malwa Bhil Corps on the return from leave of Major (temporary Lieutenant-Cololonel Penrose is directed to rejoin his own regiment. He will travel on duty at public expense.

Intimation has been received from War office that Captain Legge D. S. O. 20th Hussars (now on leave out of India), has been appointed to the Egyptian Army,

Under instructions received from Army Head Quarters India. It is notified that Lieutenant Colonel Temple has been appointed to command, Royal Artillery at St. Thomas' Mount vice Colonel Nutt, who has vacated on completion of 5 years as Regimental Lieutenant-Colonel.

Lieutenant Green 2nd Bombay Lancers, has passed tests for the Indian Staff Corps.

With reference to Bombay Command Order No. 413 dated 5th August 1898, the officers therein detailed for the course of instruction for appointmen t of acting Paymaster, will report themselves to the Controller of Military Accounts the Bombay Command on the 5th September 1898 instead of date previously specified.

The undermentioned officer is granted leave to proceed out of India on medical certificate under leave rules for Staff Corps leave to have effect in India from date of being struck off duty till date of sailing specified period to count from date of leaving India,

Lieutenant Nuttall, Staff Corps, Quarter-Master, 12th Bombay Infantry, for six months, pension service tenth year, commenced 29th May 1898.

The following officers have leave of absence;—Royal Army Medi alCorps a Captain Wade Brown, 6 months on medical certificate out of India. Extensions Border Regiment 2nd Bat Captain Browne from 3rd August to 13th September 1898 medical certificate granted by War Office in extension of leave granted in Bombay Command Order No. 148 of 1898. 16th Bombay Infantry, to Lieutenant-Colonel Bell, 6 months, Leave granted on Medical Certificate by Secretary of State for India. Royal Engineers—Lieutenant Singer, Bombay Sappers and Miners, 2 months, medical certificate granted by Secretary of State for India.

TABLE TALK.

(BY WALTER BESANT.)

LONDON, Aug. 5.

Last week's edifying revelations as to the pride and jealousy with which certain members of the British aristocracy regard the meaning of *Noblesse* will naturally be read with the keenest interest by all those who respect the British aristocracy. Let us hope that they will all be contradicted or explained before these lines are read. At present it appears as if certain persons are perfectly ready to become directors of companies on payment of so much down. It also appears that the outside world has so much respect for rank, without asking for anything else, that it is eager and ready to buy shares in any company which can boast of those names. The first remarkable feature of the times concerns those who are interested in the stability of the House of Lords. The second concerns everybody who has a £5 note to invest. Why, let us ask, should we take shares in a company because a noble Lord is a Director? The Lords are not brought up to habits of business; they understand nothing about the City or its ways; the fact that a Lord is a Director should be dead against a company. What we want on a Board of Directors are trained men of business, who have spent their whole lives in the City, and are conversant with affairs. If people would only consider the matter from this point of view, I think the "front page" would cease to be so highly decorative.

It was in the year 1272 that a certain William de Winton kept a tavern in the Ward of Cheape. The taverner lived, or slept, at the back of his tavern, being an unmarried man with one servant, named Roger of Westminster. This Roger slept in the same room with his master. One day the neighbours and customers became aware of a violent disagreement between master and man. Why they quarrelled is not known, but the quarrel, after being carried on with great spirit the whole day, was renewed with equal vigour next morning, and was carried on with much railing and bitterness of speech all that day. The following morning Roger opened the tavern as usual, set out the bench, and began to serve the wine to the early tipplers. They asked him where his master was. "Gone to Westminster" was the reply. "Gone to collect some debts." So Roger went on serving, and there was no suspicion of anything wrong. In the evening he closed the tavern and retired to the back room, where, considering what had really been done, he must have spent a cheerful evening. Next day the same thing happened. His master, he said, had not come home, but he supposed that he would be back before nightfall. The day after Roger did not open the tavern at all, but gave the key to a neighbour, saying that he was going to look after his master. So the tavern was not opened that day; but, as Roger, the missing man, had gone to look after his master, no one had any suspicions. Then other days followed, and the days became weeks, and still William de Winton returned not.

But people in London are not suspicious, and they have short memories. William's customers found other taverns, where the wine was as good and the bench was as comfortable. William de Winton was in a fair way of being forgotten. On one occasion the tavern was opened by a certain creditor, who helped himself to a cask or two of wine, in order to pay himself in this way, since he could not get his money. Nobody asked what had become of William, nor did they inquire at Westminster after Roger of that city. Then came rent-day, when the landlord made the discovery that the tenant had gone away, leaving no address, and that, if he wanted rent, he must let the house to someone else. He therefore opened the door and sent in some men to set the house in order. Now, between William's house and the next was a kind of small, narrow cellar used for coal and fuel. In the cellar, alas! they found the headless body of the unhappy William. There could be no manner of doubt as to the murderer. But where was he? And where was the head? Neither of these questions was ever answered. Roger of Westminster had vanished. Perhaps he took the head with him. And Roger of Westminster was never discovered.

The story is not uncommon. There were plenty of murders at that time, though they were chiefly murders of great Lords and Barons. The interesting point is that of Roger's disappearance. Because, you see, it was much more difficult to escape in those days than it is at present. And that is the reason why I have told the story. I have discovered that there was some kind of detective system going on by means of which the magistrates of the city could ascertain where criminals had taken refuge. Roger might have taken sanctuary; but the Bishops were uncertain about granting sanctuary for murder. For homicide, for debt, for wounding—yes; but not for heresy or treason, while the case of murder was doubtful. In any case, Roger would have had to abjure the kingdom, and so he would have been heard of. A masterless man, again, was liable to arrest; and a craftsman could not practice without leave out of his own city. He might go back to the soil and become a farm servant, but no one would take a man who had run away without knowing the cause. As for the detective system, there was the case in which the husband went on pilgrimage, and came home to find that his wife had gone off with another man, taking the contents of his shop. The Mayor of London wrote to the Mayor of Lynn, calling attention to the fact that he was harbouring these criminals. How did he know? And on another occasion he wrote to the Mayor of Yarmouth; and again, to the Mayor of Dublin, asking for the restitution of stolen property and the arrest of the criminal. How did he know? So that if Roger of Westminster had taken refuge in any part of England he would have been traced. Since he did not, where did he go? Only one gate was open to him. He must join a band of robbers. They were real old robbers then, who lived in the forests and rushed out upon travelling merchants. My own opinion is that Roger was received in one of these companies, and that he was either killed very soon afterward, or was hanged in company with other nameless men. It is, however, a story that opens up many avenues of talk. And I confess that I cannot understand the nature of the machinery by which all these culprits were detected and brought to justice.

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The society has prepared a few questions for the London County Council. It appears from such questions that they have adopted certain practical proposals, as thus: (1) They desire to diminish the number of public-houses. They believe that if there were fewer houses there would be less temptation. Very well. At the same time, by suppressing some we should enormously increase the value of others. Do we intend to make our publicans millionaires? (2) They want to remove the bars from the music halls. Well, a great many people do not go to them for the sake of the drink; but those who do will drink outside if they cannot drink inside. Perhaps they would desert the music halls. The entertainment offered is not generally of the most refined order, but it is certainly better than the bar of the public-house. (3) They want the council to allow no beer in any dietary regulated by them. This is a most wicked and tyrannical order. It affects specially poor old paupers, whose glass of beer is a great stay and comfort to them. There is more in the scheme, but this is enough. The great sin of the total abstainers is their intolerance. Since, they say, drink brings thousands every year to grief, no one ought to be allowed any drink at all. This intolerance injures the excellent cause of Temperance. If total abstinence is a good thing—I do not deny that it is, for some—let those who practise it exhort, and persuade, and show by example how good a thing it is; but let them not drive, and coerce, and prohibit, and let them, above all, keep sectarian religion separate from temperance.

ARRIVAL OF THE OVERLAND MAILS OF THE 12TH AUGUST.

The P. and O. Co.'s s. s. Carthage, Captain C. Gadd, with the overland mails of the 12th instant, arrived in Bombay harbour at at 4·30 this morning.

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THE CASE AGAINST THE LATE DR. BAHADURJI.

A NOVEL APPLICATION TO THE COURT.

A POSTHUMOUS STATEMENT DISALLOWED.

In connection with the case in which Mr. Framjee Dhunjibhoy Postwalla charged the late Dr. K. N. Bahadurji with offering indignities to the corpse of his dead child, Mr. D. D. Davur, barrister-at-law, instructed by Messrs. Crawford, Lynch and Owen, appeared before Mr. J. Sanders Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, yesterday, on behalf of the father and brother of the deceased gentleman. The learned counsel asked permission of the court to allow him to make an application in regard to the notice issued by the court against Dr. Bahadurji as to why process should not be issued against him.

Mr. Brown, solicitor, who appeared on behalf of the complainant, brought to the notice of the court that the gentleman against whom notice was issued had since died and the proceedings were therefore at an end.

Mr. Davur said that he had an application to make in connection with the notice. In this case his Worship was good enough to grant a notice calling upon Dr. Bahadurji to show cause why process should not be issued against him. Dr. Bahadurji had been charged with the offence of offering indignities to the corpse of the child, well knowing that the feelings of his father and his family as well as the feelings of the Parsee community would be thereby hurt, and their religion insulted. Publicity having been widely given to the information by the complainants, the trustees of the Parsee Panchayat Funds instructed their solicitor, Messrs. Crawford, Lynch, and Owen, to defend those proceedings. In the course of taking instructions for that defence Dr. Bahadurji made a statement of what he had to say in connection with that complaint to his solicitors, and he (Mr. Davur) asked permission to be allowed to read portions of that statement with the view of showing what he had to say in the matter in justice to his memory. He might say that they were very anxious that their side of the question should be before the court and it should receive the same wide publicity which the information had received. The learned counsel thought it his duty, and as a matter of fact he proposed to avoid all controversial matters. He certainly thought that such portions of the statement, which did not trench upon controversial matters but related to the facts, should be read, as that statement would have been laid before the court if Dr. Bahadurji had lived to defend himself.

The magistrate thought that it was only fair that this should be done. He had noticed that the information had been published in the papers, and he thought it would be unjust not to allow the answer to be published in the same way.

Mr. Brown said he hoped his Worship would hear him in the matter.

Mr. Davur said he had to mention one thing more. He did not know whether Mr. Brown objected to his reading that statement. He hoped he would not raise any objection, as there were other modes of giving publicity to that statement, which required he met he had no opportunity to meet it. Besides this Worship's time should not be taken up in making a statement which had no relevance whatever to the proceedings before the court. It was stated that publicity had been given to the information, but that publicity was not owing to the proceedings in the case, as the information had not been read in, nor had it been published by the Court. It was open to the friends and relations of the deceased to give publicity to their statement in any other way. It was not only inconvenient from the public point of view, but it was also inconvenient inasmuch as such a proceeding would raise an issue as to the truth of which there were no means of arriving at any conclusion. It was entirely a novel application and if his Worship was disposed to accede to that request, he was instructed to say that it would be much more difficult to escape in those days than it is at present. And that is the reason why I have told the story. I have discovered that there was some kind of detective system going on by means of which the magistrates of the city could ascertain where criminals had taken refuge. Roger might have taken sanctuary; but the Bishops were uncertain about granting sanctuary for murder. For homicide, for debt, for wounding—yes; but not for heresy or treason, while the case of murder was doubtful. In any case, Roger would have had to abjure the kingdom, and so he would have been heard of. A masterless man, again, was liable to arrest; and a craftsman could not practice without leave out of his own city. He might go back to the soil and become a farm servant, but no one would take a man who had run away without knowing the cause. As for the detective system, there was the case in which the husband went on pilgrimage, and came home to find that his wife had gone off with another man, taking the contents of his shop. The Mayor of London wrote to the Mayor of Lynn, calling attention to the fact that he was harbouring these criminals. How did he know? And on another occasion he wrote to the Mayor of Yarmouth; and again, to the Mayor of Dublin, asking for the restitution of stolen property and the arrest of the criminal. How did he know? So that if Roger of Westminster had taken refuge in any part of England he would have been traced. Since he did not, where did he go? Only one gate was open to him. He must join a band of robbers. They were real old robbers then, who lived in the forests and rushed out upon travelling merchants. My own opinion is that Roger was received in one of these companies, and that he was either killed very soon afterward, or was hanged in company with other nameless men. It is, however, a story that opens up many avenues of talk. And I confess that I cannot understand the nature of the machinery by which all these culprits were detected and brought to justice.

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mounting almost to chivalry, and his keen sense of honour and duty. In this connection I would quote here a speech which he made on the eve of his departure for England to take his part in the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of her Majesty :—"I have the satisfaction of my conscience that, as no to time have I allowed the good name handed down to me from my grandfather and father to be sullied, at no time have I abused the privileges attached to that name, at no time have I shunned the responsibilities of that honour and title." May I be permitted here, Sir, to add my tribute to the honourable character of the man and to say that his life was pure, his honour bright and unsmirched as his shield and his love of truth and duty deep and undying. His loyalty, at all times conspicuous, was confirmed and strengthened by his visit to England and his personal reception by H. M. the Empress of India. It was unfortunately during that exciting visit to England that the malady of which he died became accentuated. He returned to his native city broken in health, and his system never recovered its normal vigour. To what gentleman are we to attribute the popularity of this man?—for popular he was. This meeting demonstrates it. From the highest to the lowest here we are assembled to do honour to his memory. I see around me representatives of every creed and nationality of this fair city. One cannot say that he was possessed of genius or of commanding abilities or of burning eloquence. He was a good man—a polished Parsee gentleman—*homo ad unguem sans peurs and sans reproche.* Again I say we mourn his loss. Your Excellency and gentlemen, I move the resolution which has been entrusted to me.

The Hon'ble Mr. Mehta in seconding the resolution said that occasions like this on which they had met that day were much too mournful for long speeches, and after the warm and eloquent tributes which his Excellency and the Lord Chief Justice had paid in such well-chosen and happy words to the worth of the gentleman, whose death they were all met to deplore, very little remained and needed to be said. Death had been of late very busy among them in this Presidency cutting off in the prime of life some of their distinguished and useful citizens. Only the other day they had to deplore the inexpressibly sad death of one of the most brilliant and promising men who was just developing himself in this city in the person of Dr. Bahadurji. They deplored in the death of Sir Jamsetji the loss of a dear valued friend the loss of one whose personal worth and quiet public usefulness they all admired and appreciated to a degree. (Cheers.) On the speaker can Sir Jamsetji for over a quarter of a century, and he thought every one there present would agree with him when he said that he was throughout the whole of his life every inch a gentleuman He was gentle and amiable to a degree and his good nature was such that he allowed no hostile feelings for any person even to remain in his heart. Mr. Mehta here related a personal and private incident in order to show what a frank, open and noble nature the late Sir Jamsetjee possessed. Proceeding he said great as was his personal work, his public usefulness was none the less. Immediately after the death of his father the Parsee community proceeded to elect him as its headman or cha rman. It was a great honour done to Sir Jamsetji. He recognised that, a true Parsee as he was—the Parsee of the Parsees—all the common subjects of her Majesty the Queen Empress should be and ought to be bound together by ties of amity, harmony and good-will. This feeling he inherited from his great predecessors—the predecessors whose catholic charities not only in this city but throughout the whole presidency testified to the catholic spirit which always actuated and inspired them. Sir Jamsetji recognised that as the true feeling which ought to affect and inspire the head of the Parsee community, and it was the appreciation of this feeling which led every community in this presidency to look up to him as the head of every movement in which he co-operation of the members of all the communities of the presidency was required. (Cheers). He performed services of great usefulness with gentleness, amiability and the dignity he had just described, and by that means he prevailed upon the members of the various communities to recognise that no hostile feeling of your united liberality. This is not the time or place to enter into any discussion of the form such a memorial should take Provision will be made for the consideration of this question afterwards. Meanwhile I would only say that no memorial of the late Sir Jamsetjee would be fitting or would satisfy the instinctive feeling of the community which did not embody in some concrete form the spirit and aims of the life we seek to commemorate. The name Sir Jamsetjee Jeejibhoy, has come to be associated, with objects of public benevolence, and this association may feel assured, will not be dissolved. The memorial aimed at in the resolution will we cannot doubt, take the shape of some scheme effecting the interests of the people—it must bear the impress of benevolent purposes, to be a worthy memorial of a benevolent name,

THE LATE BARONET'S PUBLIC SERVICES.

Mr. Hormusjee Dadabhoy said; I beg to second the proposition. When, on the morning of July 15th, the news spread through the town that Sir Jamsetjee Jejibhoy was no more, it sent a thrill of sorrow through every heart capable of appreciating noble aims and principles. We all felt that a great and useful career had been cut off by his early removal, but not before he had left a durable mark on the public life of Bombay. Placed in a situation of great trust at the early age of twenty-one years, he soon evidced a remarkable aptitude for public business. His many-sided activities bore ample testimony to his capacity for work of this kind. Thus he was the chosen head of the Parsi community, president of the Parsi Punchayet, the Sir J. J. Parsi Benevolent Institution, the Sir J. J. Charity Funds, the Bombay Pinjrapole Society, the Bombay Presidency Association, the Poona Suburban Municipality, not to mention several minor institutions and associations. He was honoured with a seat in the Legislative Council, the Municipal Corporation, and on the Board of the Port Trust. In all these capacities the deceased Baronet showed a rare union of much natural shrewdness and a sober, temperate judgment. All his efforts were directed to the promotion of the welfare of his fellow-men. This fact, combined with the personal magnetism of his character, made him the most popular citizen of Bombay. Notwithstanding his unassuming modesty, our city was not slow to discover the sterling qualities of his head and heart. Accordingly, again and again, he was called upon to preside at important public meetings held in this hall and elsewhere. Many of you, gentlemen, who have been witness of his presidential bare witness to the rare tact and grace with which he discharged his duties on these occasions. That he took an active interest in all questions of the day goes without saying. Judge of the liberality of his views from his association with the following movements: The Ilbert Bill, the Ripon memorial, the meeting to raise funds for affording female medical aid to native women, the late Surajbje Bengali's memorial, and the meeting in 1888 for the relief of the sufferers from the Surat floods. One movement I must not omit to mention here. With all his failings and weaknesses, Sir William Wedderburn has done yeoman service to the cause of India. Sir Jamsetjee cheerfully responded to the call of his fellow-citizens to take the chair at the meeting convened in honour of Sir William. Two principle seem to have governed his public conduct. All revolutionary change he hated. *Festina lente* was his constant motto. Again he thought with Burke, that the leader of the people owes to them not only his fidelity but his judgment. Consequently he was a remarkable example of a constitutional political association of which he was president proposed to introduce what in his opinion, was a most radical change, he at once severed his connection with it. The worthy scion of an illustrious family, blest with the sweetest disposition, the idol of his community, held in the highest respect by all classes, trusted and honoured by Government in a way I venture to say no native now is, Sir Jamsetjee died in the zenith of his fame. His merits and public virtues may be summed up in one short sentence. He followed faithfully the cherished traditions of his family and race a race which prides itself upon its loyalty to the British Crown, and whose fidelity to the cardinal principle of its religion, namely, charity, has seldom been equalled and certainly never surpassed. Reverencing his conscience as his king Sir Jamsetjee thus bore without ab use the grand old name of gentleman.

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The late judge said.—In placing this resolution before you, I do not intend to occupy many seconds. I only desire to contribute my own mite of respect and admiration for the departed Baronet. I had the honour of knowing him personally—I may even say of enjoying his friendship—for many years before his death; and I had thus an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the many virtues which adorned and distinguished the career of Sir Jamsetjee. I am sure that those who knew him best admired him most; and I think, therefore, that we are only discharging a duty we owe to ourselves in meeting together this afternoon to perpetuate the memory of a friend and citizen so distinguished and so much admired. (Applause.)

THE WHITE FLOWER OF A BLAMELESS LIFE

Professor Haithornthwaite, in seconding the proposition said: Your Excellency and Gentlemen. It affords me a melancholy pleasure to take part in this evening's proceedings and to pay my small tribute of respect to the memory of one whom I was privileged to be acquainted with for more than a quarter of a century who was once a pupil of mine in my college classess and was subsequently a valued and esteemed friend. In the distantipast, when a boy, as in later and more mature life, the late Sir, Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy was always the same, the keynote of his character was always highbred courtesy and extreme kindness, and these amiable and admirable qualities endeared him to all with whom he was brought into contact. He was the soul of honour and high mindedness, and it would would have been impossible even to imagine his doing anything shabby or untrue or contrary to the highest standard of uprightness. He dossed a fine and gentle nature, and simply following the instricts of his nature, he carried out to the full the hereditary trauditions of generosity that distinginished the illustrious house to which he belonged.

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VOTE OF THANKS TO THE GOVERNOR.

Dr. Blaney said: The last resolution has been entrusted to me; but, before submitting it for the acceptance of this meeting, I desire to say a few wurds as to the truly benevolent heart of the late Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy, towards my own countrymen. I was often associated with Sir Jamsetjee in public and in private matters, both sectional and general. It so happened that he frequently consulted me when appeals were made to him by my own countrymen on occasions of distress and trouble. These appeals were chiefly made on behalf of widows and orphans. He always received such appeals kindly, but before disposing of them he carefully examined the merits of the cases. In all deserving cases he not only gave as liberally as he could, but induced his near friends to aid in increasing his bounty. Some appeals were from very poor widows, but some were from women more accustomed to affluence. Suddenly and unexpectedly deprived of their bread-winner, and, with their children, were reduced from comparative affluence to extreme necessity. I know it gave the late Sir Jamsetjee very great pleasure to send such applicants away surprise and gratified with at the liberality extended to them As none of the previous speakers have made any special reference to this sympathy towards European widows and orphans, I have thought it only right to the memory of Sir Jamsetjee to offer this small tribut as a record in history. I have now the honour to submit to the meeting the proposal entrusted to me: That the best thanks of the meeting be tendered to His Excellency the Right Honourable Lord Sandhurst G.C.I.E., for his kindness in presiding at the meeting, Ladies and Gentlemen, this is not a purely formal and time honoured resolution. His Excellency has indeed merited our grateful thanks. We owe it to the personal interest which His Excellency took in the object we all had in view, and to the friendly advice tendered to the Dinner, Parsis and the managing committee that the success of this meeting has been secured. Our obligation to His Excellency is still further enhanced by his kindness in finding an afternoon, in the midst of unusually heavy and onerous public duties, to come to Bombay to preside over the meeting by presiding on this occasion. I am sure the honour that his Excellency has conferred on this meeting will be widely appreciated amongst all classes of the citizens of Bombay. I now submit the resolution before the meeting no persuasive eloquence is required to induce you to carry it not only unanimously but with acclamation.

The propotion was carried by acclamation.

REPLY TO THE VOTE OF THANKS.

H. E. the Governor, who was cordially received, said: Gentlemen, on behalf of return my thanks to you. I shall read the list of names of some of those who are unable to be amongst us this evening. They have telegraphed or written expressing their sympathy with the meeting and their regret that they are unable to be present. His Excellency here read thenames, among them being that of Thakore Saheb of Limree, who subscribed Rs. 300 to the memorial fund; and Mr. Dossabhoy Framjee C. S. Continueing His Excellency said:—I am extremely glad to have been amongst you this evening, and to have taken part in these proceedings. I have already told you what my personal feeling was as regards the late Sir Jamsetjee. In moments like the present we cannot hope to assuage the grief of those who are so sorely afflicted, but we can at least tender them our sincere and respectful sympathy. I thank you for the numbers in which you have come, and I can say with truth that on future occasions when public necessity demands it, I shall be glad to assist. (Loud Cheers.)

The proceedings then terminated.

MR. LE MESURIER AND HIS TROUBLES.

A CORRESPONDENT, writing from Matara, August 21 says: The charge brought against Mr. Le Mesurier for shooting the Aratchy has been dismissed as utterly false. The Magistrate visited the locality on Saturday morning and went over the ground with the witnesses in all the cases. The case against the Aratchy was partly heard on Saturday afternoon, and he and such of the accused who were satisfactorily identified were remanded. A curious feature of the case, an l one, much commented upon, was that the Crown Proctor, under the special orders of the Attorney-General and assisted by the Superintendent of Police, appeared on behalf of the accused, some of whom had other legal assistance. The Magistrate again visits the locality this morning to make further inquiries. The trial will be resumed.

THE ALLEGED SHOOTING CASE.

The case in which Mr. C. J. R. Le Mesurier was charged with shooting the Aratchy of Akurugoda was tried by Mr. W. H. Moor, the Special Commissioner. It appeared that on the 5th of this month the Vidane Aratchy of Akurugoda, having received instructions from Weligam Korle Mudaliyar, Mr. J. A. Wickramatunga, to prevent people from digging plumbago in a land called Galandahena in Akurugoda, proceeded to the spot with five others. On arrival, they saw Mr. Le Mesurier with two other gentlemen getting plumbago, which was being mined by Government. When the Aratchy told Mr. Le Mesurier that he came there to prevent anybody from digging plumbago, Mr. Le Mesurier said, "If you love your life, do not come here," and when the Aratchy, in spite of the threat, put one step forward, the accused fired one shot with his double barrel gun. the bullet passing through this two legs and burning his clothes. Two Kandyan cloths, one white and the other a sarong cloth, were produced before the court, and the Aratchy was made to wear them at the request of the counsel for defence.

The police officer of Ganegama, the first witness for the prosecution, said that he too proceeded to the spot with Akurugoda Aratchy and saw Mr. Le Mesurier shooting the Aratchy with his double barrel gun. He ran away in the direction of Mr. Boyd, who, having kept himself concealed for fear of Mr. Le Mesurier, who, he thought, would lis in wait to shoot him also. Several other witnesses were examined for the prosecution, and they all stated that they saw the accused shooting the Aratchy. Weligam Korale Mudaliyar was examined by the judge, to find out what instructions were given by him to the Aratchy, when he was commissioned to go to Galandahena to prevent people from digging for plumbago on the disputed land. Mr. Le Mesurier, having made his statement, the trial was concluded at 9 p.m. Mr. Boyle left Matara for Akuressa late in the evening for the purpose of inspecting the disputed land on Saturday morning at 7 a.m. On Saturday the trial of the counter cases instituted by Mr. Le Mesurier were taken up at 1.30 p.m. The magistrate having ascended the Bench at that hour, acquitted Mr. Le Mesurier of the charge of shooting. Moreover, Mr. Moor told the Aratchy that he had effected the charge against Mr. Le Mesurier. Two Ceylon cases against Mr. Le Mesurier, his two assistants and some Singhalese coolies have been postponed for Monday. The case instituted by Mr. Le Mesurier against Akurugoda Aratchy and eight others for assault and theft was taken up for trial at 2. p.m. Mr. Le Mesurier is being examined at length by the magistrate and the trial is likely to last long. The Court-house was crowdad both on Friday and Saturday.

PASTEUR INSTITUTE FOR INDIA.

A MEETING of the Central Committee of the Pasteur Institute of India was held in the office of the Director-General of the Medical Services, Simla, on the afternoon of the 18th instant. Surgeon-Major Bamber was appointed Honorary Secretary, vice Brigade Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel W. A. C. Ross proceeding on furlough. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the latter for the energy displayed by him in collecting funds, and in other ways promoting the objects of the Institute. It was unanimously resolved by those present that the Committee should address the Government asked when the Health Institute of India, for which it was understood large contributions had been promised by several native chiefs, would be an accomplished fact. The Committee was unable to say when the funds in hand were sufficient to start an Institute for anti-rabic purposes, only, so that at least poor persons bitten by mad animals might be saved the expensive journey to Paris. The opinion accepted was that the money at the command of the Central Committee could not possibly meet any demand of the kind, and that without the assistance and countenance of the Government of India by the grant of the services of a Medical Officer, &c., an antirabic laboratory could not be properly established; and further, that such a laboratory of itself alone would not show an adequate return for the money that must unnecessarily be spent on it. Any really efficient institution must combine resources for scientific research with other bacteriological work. The best course, therefore, is to await the establishment of the proposed Victoria Health Institute by the ruling chiefs and nobles of India, and then consider the question of the final disposal of the funds collected from the public for a Pasteur Institute. One useful suggestion is that they should form the nucleus of a fund to assist poor persons to the Health Institute. But the money subscribed is insufficient for any large separate effort, and in the meantime nothing can be done but to await the funds invested till the matter is ripe for decision—*C. and M. Gazette.*

THE TRRIBLE MORTALITY IN MADRAS.

THE returns published to-day show that the mortality in Madras last week, says the *Madras Mail* on Wednesday, was even greatr than it was the week before. The number of deaths reached the still more appalling total of 592 as against 575 the previous week; and the rate rose from 66 to 679 per mille per annum. Of these 592 deaths cholera accounted for 91, an increase for the week of 20; small-pox for 5 as against 1; measles for 16 as against 11; "fevers" for 199 as against 192; dysentery for 73 as against 68; diarrhœa for 13 as against 18; "other diseases" for 197 as against 214. In the year 1890, when the insanitary condition of Madras excited so much agitation, the total number of deaths for the two corresponding weeks were 403 and 433 respectively. We are glad to learn that a Municipal Commissioner has given notice of a resolution drawing Government's attention to the delay that has occurred in passing orders on the drainage scheme. The dissolution of this resolution should afford the public an opportunity of gauging what the Commissioners think about their own responsibilities in the matter.

RELATIONS between Chili and the Argentine Republic being somewhat strained, it is interesting to note that on both sides there is considerable naval activity. Chili is now building her own torpedo craft at Balcachuano, presumably taking the Birkenhead boats, Capitan Orella and her sisters, as patterns. Two destroyers named Capitan Thompson and Teniente Rodriguez, of 300 tons, 600 horse-power, and thirty knots have lately been launched, as well as a couple of 130 ton 25·5 knot torpedo-boats, the Ingeniero Mutilla and Guardiamarina Contreras. The O'Higgins is by far the most powerful vessel in the Chilian fleet. The Argentine Government, however, has long been displaying greater activity. The armoured cruiser Garibaldi was bought at Sestri Ponente with the sanction of the Spanish Government some time ago. She was built as Guiseppe Garibaldi I., and is a sister of the unfortunate Cristobal Colon (ex Guiseppe Garibaldi II.). The Argentine Navy has now acquired the Garibaldi III., which has just begun her trials at Genoa. She has been re-named Pueyrredon Varese I. now. San Martin, another cruiser of the class, was bought from Orlando at Leghorn some time ago, and now the Italian Government has sanctioned the sale to the Argentines of Varese II. These cruisers, like the latest Garibaldi, are superior in armament to the original vessel of the type, Garibaldi I. has for her main armament two 10in. guns, but the later vessels, as we learn from the Rivista Marittima, are armed instead with four 8in. quick-firers, and have a larger number of small guns. In addition to these cruisers the Florio Company has sold to the Argentine Government the steamships Arno, Regina Margherita, and Sempione, which are to be converted into cruisers. The addition of these various vessels necessitates the provision of greater dock accommodation, and hence a large sum is to be laid out in the construction of naval basins and dry docks at Buenos Ayres.

AN INTERVIEW WITH THE VICEROY ELECT.

BY a fortunate but wholly unpremeditated combination of circumstances, we are enabled to present to our readers the following report, presumably written for the native press, of an interview with the future Viceroy, whose opinions (in advance of the mail), on current questions of the day will be news to many millions in this country:—

Your reporter ushered himself into Mr. Curzon's private room in the House of Commons. The room was tastefully decorated with works of art. About the fire place hung the gold medal of the Royal Geographical Society. Photographs of Mrs. Curzon adorned the mantelpiece, while a conspicuous bust of her brother, young Mr. Leiter, was associated with the corner opposite the door.

The Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in irreproachable shirt sleeves, was sittingin front of a cheval glass, while Messrs. Thresher and Glennie's Mr. Robinson proffered one by one for his approval the latest things in sun helmets.

"You come about India, of course?" he asked, when I had introduced myself. Every one comes about India. Is may save time if I say that the post of Private Secretary has been filled."

I deprecated the suggestion.

"Aide-de-Camp, perhaps? They are filled to."

I pointed out that this was scarcely my errammd, but hesitated to press the point for fear of being thought pedantic. "I am a representative of the Press," I said, "What is your opinion about the Currency?"

"Tollime" he answered, "How do you like this helmet."

His eyes were glued to the glass: it was evident that he had not heard my question. I repeated it. He still continued to gaze into the glass, took another helmet, tilted it a trifle forward, and then a trifle back, on his glossy black locks.

"This India of yours, he said," I have been there myself. It is an interesting country. Tell me, what do the Rajas pay in themselves."

"They travel about in special trains," I answered and take precedence of one another." "You are in favour, I believe, of opening the mints, "

"The mints" he replied, (and his tone was the tone of a statesman) are closed, and the question remains open. When the mints are finally opened, the question will be closed. Are you an authority on cummerbunds" he added pleasantly, fingering one or two samples which Messrs. Thresher and Glennie had submitted for his approbation.

"Pardon me I replied, with some dignity, the question of cummerbunds is not one which has, at the present time, any paramount intrest for the native press."

"No?" he queried, "What does interest them then

"There are several crucial questions. I answered enumerating them on my fingers,—Taxation plague regulations, the Frontier, education, your personal character."

He stopped me.

"I have no character" he said, turning on me the special glance he keeps for Sir William Harcourt. Then, seeing my surprise, he added: "Viceroys don't have characters. They have attributes?"

I apologised humbly.

"Your views on plague regulations would be interesting," I suggested.

"What! the plague?" he answered, And then he became abstracted. I held my breath. To be in the presence of a real statesman, a statesman engaged on a problem of such magnitude as Indian Finance, behind that lofty forehead it seemed as though I could almost see the molecules of the great brain hurrying around evolving combinations. What message should I not presently be able to flash across the sea, cutting the Gordian knot with a wire!

"I think" he said at last, and his voice scarcely rose above a whisper, so that I had to strain my ear to catch his words. "I think that, on the whole" and here he turned to Messrs. Thresher and Glennie's young man—"I will wear woollen cummerbunds. They are safer."

I choked a sob of disappointment. He heard me and turning his head with almost Viceregal affability, remarked:

"You were talking to me, I think, about Rajas, were you not? Pray, go on. What else do they do?"

"They read the papers," I answered. It would be a pleasant change if one could be able to convey to them through the medium of the native press, what your views are on education.

Ah yes, education!" he said, and his manner became almost enthusiastic. "Education is a splendid thing. I was very well educated myself—Eton, you know and Oxford. Fellow of All Souls: "Bene natus, bene vestitus, immoderate doctus." Tell the Rajas to become educated by all means.

"You are learning Hindustani?" I enquired. "Have you made much progress?"

"Bahut achcha progress kya," he replied, with a winning smile, and I marvelled at the versatility of the man. He had not been appointed three weeks.

"Your views on the Frontier question are well known?" I hazarded.

"Yes" he said. "This was the topi, he added turning to the section on the table, that I wore when I was last in the East, but they tell me it is not the sort of thing for a Viceroy."

"Your head is full of topis," I ajaculated, half vexed.

"And the one I decids on will be full of head, he replied, gazing complacently in the glass at his broad forehead;" and now that you have got my views on every subject, I am afraid I must ask you to excuse me. We shall meet again in India. Au revoir. D. in the "Pioneer."

MORE TITLED DIRECTORS.

THE AFFAIRS OF A BANK.

IN Queen's Bench Division, before the Lord Chief Justice and a special jury, the case of Rendell v. Cochrane and another came on for hearing. The other day the plaintiff, T. Rendell, of 47 Regent-street, W., sought to recover damages by reason of alleged false and fraudulent misrepresentation in connection with the London and Universal Bank Company; by reason of which, plaintiff said, he was induced to purchase shares. Defendants denied misrepresentation. Mr. Israel Davis and Mr. Pilcher appeared for plaintiff: Mr. Kemp, Q. C., Mr. Wheeler, Q. C., Mr. M'Nachten, and Mr. Crispe appeared separately for the two defendants.

Mr. Israel Davis, in stating the case for the plaintiff, said that the action related to certain dealings in the shares of the London and Universal Bank. Some years ago as a money-lender and outside stockbroker, and one of his sons. The plaintiff was a working shoe maker, who had saved some money by the exercise of his trade. In 1892 the London and Universal Bank was formed, by means of which the defendant got from the plaintiff the sum of £1,700 being all he had in the world, and further, he had been made liable for £1,020 in

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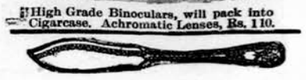

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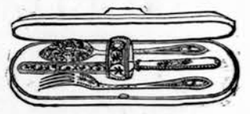

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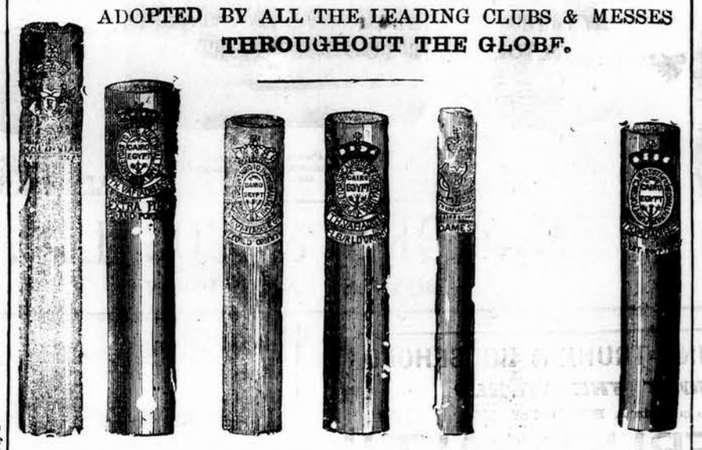

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